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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDES VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDES FOUR DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE BY SIGNING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH MOZAMBIQUE. ALTHOUGH HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MET WITH MOST SENIOR GPRM OFFICIALS, VISIT WAS OVERSHADOWED BY PARALLEL VISIT OF NEW UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PAUL HARTLING
END SUMMARY.

2. HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRIGYES PUJA VISITED MOZAMBIQUE FROM JANUARY 24 TO 28. DURING VISIT, PUJA PAID COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT MACHEL, MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO, LAID A WREATH AT MOZAMBIQUE HEROS MONUMENT AND VISITED NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL AREAS AROUND CITY OF MAPUTO.

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3. ON FINAL DAY OF VISIT, HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS MOZAMBIQUE COUNTERPART JOAQUIM CHISSANO SIGNED LONG BUT RATHER UNREMARKABLE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. COMMUNIQUE CONDEMNED NEO-COLONIALIST ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN STATES, ENDORSED EFFORTS TO CREATE "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER", SUPPORTED MOVEMENT TOWARD DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE AND CALLED FOR DEMILITARIZATION OF INDIAN OCEAN.

ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN TOPICS, COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT AS "ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE, CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA'S SYSTEM OF APARTHEID AND VOICED SUPPORT FOR SWAPO AS THE TRUE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO INVITED FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO TO VISIT HUNGARY LATER THIS YEAR.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MET WITH KEY MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS, VISIT ATTRACTED VERY LITTLE ATTENTION AND WAS OVERSHADOWED BY VISIT OF NEW UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES PAUL HARTLING, WHO WAS IN MAPUTO AT SAME TIME. PUJA DID NOT APPARENTLY MEET WITH MOZAMBICAN AID OFFICIALS AND THERE IS NO INDICATION HUNGARY SIGNED ANY AID AGREEMENTS WITH MOZAMBIQUE.
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